

project idil

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Introduction IDIL

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The project is aimed at defining and experimenting strategies to prevent FGM among immigrant communities/families.

Female genital mutilation, constitutes all procedure which involves partial or total removal of the external female genitalia or other injuries to female genital organs both for cultural and any other non therapeutic reasons, and has been classified in 4 types. The age at which the mutilation is carried out varies. FGM is carried out during infancy, childhood, up to adult age. Several reasons are given to justify FGM: custom and tradition; religion (purification); hygiene (cleanliness), aesthetic reasons; virginity protection to increase marriage opportunities. FGM has immediate consequences: severe pain, shock, haemorrhage, tetanus or sepsis, urine retention, ulceration of genital and adjacent tissues. Long term consequences:cysts and abscesse, keloid scar formation, urinary incontinence, dyspareunia and sexual dysfunction. Most of girls and women who have undergone genital mutilation live in 28 African countries, although some live in Asia. They are also increasingly found in Europe, Australia, Canada and USA, primarily among immigrants from Africa and Asia.

Activities First year

- Frankfurt meeting: extension association network active in FGM issues, transfer experience acquired in past Daphne in Italy and Spain, ex-ante evaluation.
- Mapping: available materials, communities interest by practice and experiences.
- Re-elaboration available materials of past Daphne and adapt to Italy and Spain.
- Preparation of training skills for health/education staff, social workers, cultural mediators, animators.
- Preparation of informative kit and brochure for Communities.
- Dissemination: correct information for target groups in Italy and Spain.
- Creation of web site: a valid permanent instrument for circulation of information.
- Implementation of the web site.
- Barcelona meeting: exchange and elaboration of best preventive strategies and in itinere evaluation.

Second year

-Training for 60 multipliers from interest communities (3x3 days each), divided in 20 people in each place. Northern Europe, Spain and Italy.

-Perfection of informative kit.

-Implementation of web site.

-Turin meeting: definition of awareness campaign, second evaluation on objectives, result, exchange on best preventive strategies, implementation of informative campaign.

-Experimentation of informative campaign: in this phase the local and national authorities will be involved to verify the possibility to create a permanent training/awareness campaign with national resources.

Target groups Community animators, cultural mediators, healthcare, social workers, justice and education staff, interested communities and families.

Objectives Sensibilize large part of communities and families affected by the FGM practice. Empowerment for migrant women. Equal opportunities for migrant young girls. Produce instruments to preserve the integrity and dignity of young girls, by means of information kits, training guidebooks, information campaigns.

Results 60 people from target groups will be trained on side effects and sociological/health aspects of FGM, national, European and international legislation on human rights, child protection, equal opportunities, integration and development. The trained people (Multipliers) will train and inform their communities.

Dissemination instruments: 2 booklets and 1 training guidebook

Booklet for professionals (socio-medical, educational and information service staff), suitable for Italy and Spain.

Booklet and multilingual information kit: for all partners in English, Italian, Spanish, French, Danish, Dutch, Swedish, Arabic, Somali and Amharic.

Training guidebook for trainers: also useful for the coming years and experience.

Several seminars, debates, workshops and lectures, experience exchange between native and migrant population are planned.

Aims Extend previous North European Daphne experiences to Italy and Spain. Organize a new form of educational/formative skills. Train a multipliers on health, , psychological and juridical aspects of FGM. Arrange specific prevention instruments. Prepare "awareness kits", web sites, dissemination of information.

Supervising and monitoring Partners such as UNICEF and Amnesty International for their long experience in implementing awareness campaigns, training schedules, and community awakening have the competence to supervise the correct proceeding of the project. The above mentioned organisations with other project partners will produce a balanced evaluation.

Evaluation Various opportunities for evaluation are planned, which more or less correspond to various phases of the project.

Three international meetings in Germany, Spain and Italy are scheduled, where all partners are involved in order to evaluate together steps, agenda and proposals. The Italian meeting will be the most important - in itinere evaluation-, involving 150 people: partners, experts and members from target groups will participate.

The participation of target group members is a useful autoevaluation instrument, where these subjects will be able to evaluate the correct proceeding and objectives of the project. Two reports are also scheduled: one by the end of the first year, and one on the closing of the project.

Instruments to Develop the Integrity of Lasses

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The Centro Piemontese di Studi Africani” and the “Centro d’Iniziativa del Piemonte, in partnership with local, national and european organisations are implementing this two-year project, financed by the DAPHNE Programme, regarding the fight against violence towards women, youngsters and children.

As part of the event on “Identità e Differenza del Comune di Torino a final conference for the IDIL (Instruments to Develop the Integrity of Lasses) project took place in Turin, last 10 October. Among the participants: the Inter African Committee, the European Network on FGm prevention, UNICEF, Amnesty Piemonte. The Centre was represented by Benedetta Magri.